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Claims 17 to 32 define applicants' method of promoting the growth of food animals that includes coating a dry food carrier or extender material with the antibody-containing contents of the harvested eggs. The coated carrier material is mixed with animal food. The resulting carrier material and animal food is supplied to the animals. The carrier materials include soybean hulls, rice hulls, corn, cottonseed hulls, distilled dried grains and beet pulp.

The use of carrier material coated with the antibody-containing contents of the harvested eggs is described in the specification.

The egg contents may be dried on a feed extender or carrier material. *Page 7, line 1.*

The egg contents maybe dried alone or on innocuous feed extenders such as dry soybean or rice husks and the like. *Page 12, lines 2-4.*

The examples 25 - 28 on pages 27 to 30 include carrier materials coated with the antibody-containing contents of the harvested eggs. The antibody-containing contents of the eggs includes the yolks and albumin. *Page 10, lines 21-23 and Page 11, line 1.*

The carrier material in the digestive tract of an animal effectively distributes the antibody-containing contents of the eggs in the digestive tract. There is also a time delay in the release of the antibody-containing contents in the digestive tract of an animal. This results in longer utilization of the antibody-containing contents in the digestive tract of an animal. These advantageous features of applicants' method of promoting animal growth are not suggested by the prior art.

The allowance of Claims 10, 11 and 14 to 32 is requested.

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